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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-77. ✓

Please add claims 78-83 as follows: ✓

78. A peptide of fewer than 30 amino acids, which binds more than one DR allele, the peptide comprising a sequence of the formula $R_1-R_2-R_3-R_4-R_5$, proceeding from the amino terminus to the carboxyl terminus, wherein

R_1 is a D- or an L-amino acid followed by alanine or lysine;

R_2 is selected from the group consisting of cyclohexylalanine, tyrosine and phenylalanine;

R_3 is 3 or 4 amino acids, wherein each amino acid is independent selected from the group consisting of alanine, isoleucine, serine, glutamic acid and valine;

R_4 is tryptophan-threonine-leucine-lysine; and